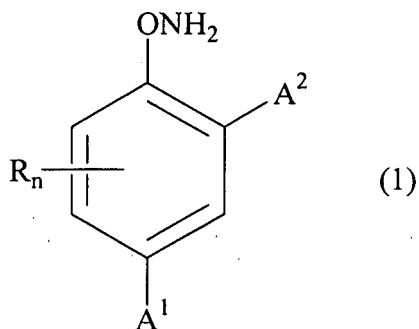


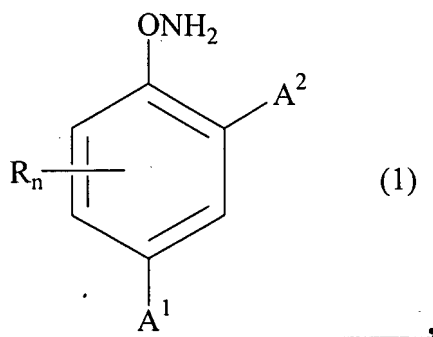
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A compound of the formula



wherein one of A¹ and A² is NO₂ and the other is CF₃, ~~n=0-3 and~~ n = 1-3 and R is halo, alkyl or CF₃.

2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n=1.
6. (original) The compound of claim 5, wherein R is ortho to ONH₂.
7. (original) The compound of claim 6, wherein R is CF₃.
8. (currently amended) A method to aminate a nitrogen in a recipient compound, which method comprises treating said recipient compound with a compound of formula (1):



wherein one of A¹ and A² is NO₂ and the other is CF₃, n=0-3, and R is halo, alkyl or CF₃;

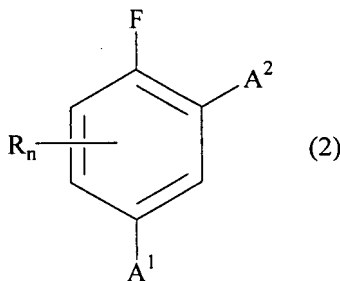
under conditions wherein said amination can proceed.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said conditions comprise the presence of base and an appropriate solvent.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the recipient compound comprises indole.

11. (currently amended) A method to synthesize the compound of ~~claim 1~~ formula (1) wherein one of A¹ and A² is NO₂ and the other is CF₃, n=0-3 and R is halo, alkyl or CF₃, which method comprises

treating a compound of the formula



wherein A¹, A², R and n are as defined in claim 1 one of A¹ and A² is NO₂ and the other is CF₃, n=0-3, and R is halo, alkyl or CF₃,

with an alkyl hydroxylacylamidate or with Boc-hydroxylamine.